Railroad land grant best deal

NEW YORK (UPI) — The railroad land grants were the best of four major real estate transactions in American history because "on these lands were built the railroads and they in turn helped to build a nation," says Louis W. Menk, chairman of the 26,000-mile Burlington Northern system.

The other three "most beneficial" transactions, Menk said, were the Dutch acquisition of Manhattan Island in 1626 for $24, the Louisiana Purchase for $15 million and the addition of Alaska in a $7.2 million deal with Russia.

"And now we have an opportunity to perform a service of similar magnitude," he said, "to transport the materials for the building of a Second America," an amount of construction in the next three decades equal to all that has taken place since the founding of our country."

Computer error costs chef checks

Portland, Ore. (UPI) — The federal government's computer thought Herman Weeg, 70, was dead. The retired chef says he is very much alive and would like his Social Security checks.

Weeg said his social security payments have been stopped since Sept. 3 despite continued queries to the government.

The San Francisco office of the Social Security Administration had admitted the computer made a mistake and Weeg was told his money would start coming to him soon.

"When you have to live on a Social Security check and it doesn't come for three months, things get pretty tough," said Weeg, adding he had suffered three strokes and was afflicted with emphysema.

Weeg said he received $114 from Social Security and $16 a month from the Oregon Welfare Department and has lived on emergency welfare relief and borrowed money since September.

Honduras gets outside medical aid

BELIZE CITY, British Honduras (UPI) — Medical attention is beginning to go to the people deep in the districts of this British jungle colony who otherwise rarely see doctors or dentists.

Although the government's medical department has irregular out-patient clinics, sent by jeep to remote inland villages or by launch to settlements on the Cayes, the operation will become more far-reaching and more effective soon—thanks to outside help.

The new year saw the arrival of a U.S. $14,000 mobile clinic donated jointly by the Canadian International Development Association and the Oxfam group of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The fully-equipped vehicle was driven some 4,500 miles to be given to the government medical service.

It will be joined by three medical-dental units, with funds for operating provided, promised to the minister of home affairs and health, C.L.B. Rogers, by Amigos Internacionales of Athens, Texas.

The mobile units are being built at Texas State Technicological Institute, Waco, Texas. They will be staffed by doctors and dentists who are Amigos volunteers.

Weekend jail terms

LUSAKA, Zambia (UPI) — President Kenneth Kaunda has signed into law a bill that provides weekend imprisonment for drunk drivers in a move to cut Zambia's mounting traffic deaths.

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COULD YOU LEND ME SOME FOLDING MONEY UNTIL PAYDAY?
OUCH
OOOH
OW
YIKES
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE DOING?
PROBABLY FOLDING SOME CLAMS.

THE WIZARD OF ID By PARKER & HART

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OH, THIS MUST BE A MISTAKE OF SOME KIND!
HERE'S A BILL FROM WILBERTSON'S DEPARTMENT STORE
WHY I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN WILBERTSON'S DEPARTMENT STORE!
I HAVE

ARCHIE —By BOB MONTANA

IT'S CALLED "PHONE-NETICS." IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER A NUMBER...
YOU MAKE A WORD OUT OF THE CALL LETTERS!
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I GET IT! YOU TELL TIME BY THE "SUN DIAL"!
TAKE JUGHEAD'S! IT'S EASY TO REMEMBER!
688?... WHAT'S THAT?
NUT!

RICK O'SHAY —By STAN LYNDE

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, MARSHAL? WHAT AM I S'POSED TO HAVE DONE?
SOMETHIN' YOU WASN'T S'POSED TO, BILLY.
SOMEBODY ROBBED THE CONNIPTION BANK LAST NIGHT...PISTOL-WHIPPED THE TELLER AN' RODE OFF WITH BETTER'N NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!
LIKE A PACK RAT, HE LEFT SOMETHIN' BEHIND, BUT IT WASN'T NOWHERE NEAR EQUAL VALUE...
...IT IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND ITEM, THOUGH... AN ARMY COLT'S REVOLVER, WITH YOUR NAME IN IT!

BARNEY GOOGLE —By FRED LASSWELL

WHAR'S YORE GOODER HALF, SNUFFY?
SHE'S HIGH UP GITTIN' TH' LOWDOWN
NOW, WHAT SORT OF A TOM FOOL ANSWER IS THAT?
SHE WENT UP ON NEEDLE ROCK TO GOSSIP WIF AMY HAWKINS

FRED BASSET —By ALEX GRAHAM

Welcome home! Nice to see you back...
And you too!...I always like to distribute my favours evenly
One has to be careful not to create jealousy...

REDDY —By RUPE

MOMMA —By MELL

YEAH, OUR GOOD OL' UNCLE MIKE'S HOUSEBOAT'S FROZEN IN TH' BIG MARSH... HE JUS' SITS AROUND... READS... LISTENS TO TH' RADIO... FEEDS TH' WILD RABBITS AND MUSKRAT'S AND DUCKS...
THEY COME RIGHT IN TH' CABIN. SOUNDS GREAT, HUH?
YEAH!
YEAH!
NO BATH TUB? NO ELECTRICITY? NO WIFE TO ADVISE HIM? SOUNDS GREAT?? ICKY! UGH!
AARCK!

DOONESBURY —By GARRY TRUDEAU

BUT MOMMA, WHY MUST I DO EVERYTHING YOU SAY?
I CAN BEST ANSWER THAT WITH ANOTHER QUESTION, FRANCIS— AM I OR AM I NOT YOUR MOTHER?
WELL? AM I? AM I OR AM I NOT YOUR MOTHER?
HOW'S MOMMA, FRANCIS?
I THINK SHE'S HAVING AN IDENTITY PROBLEM.

ARE WOMEN AS MALTREATED IN YOUR COUNTRY AS THEY ARE IN OURS, CHOU?
NOT AT ALL, NICHOLE! IN MY COUNTRY THE MEN AND WOMEN WORK SIDE BY SIDE LIVING IN TOTAL RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
...AND I AM PUZZLED THAT THEY DO NOT IN THIS COUNTRY. WHY HAVEN'T THE WOMEN EASILY CHANGED THE ATTITUDES OF THE MEN?
HEY, GORGEOUS! HOW'S MY FAVORITE BROAD?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST.

Dane suggests housing solution

COPENHAGEN (UPI) — Empty buildings awaiting demolition in slum clearance should be used as temporary homes to ease an acute housing shortage, Housing Minister Aaage Hastrup proposed in Parliament.

Hastrup said that owners would report empty flats and be allowed to rent them for short terms. The renting may not delay slum clearance. Owners would not be obliged to find alternate housing for such temporary tenants and the rent should just cover operating costs, Hastrup recommended.

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